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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1, 11, 18, 22 and 24 have been amended. Claims 7, 8, 16, 17, 19, 20, 27 and 28 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 4-6, 9-11, 13-15, 18, 21, 22, 24, and 26 are presented for examination.

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-11, 13-16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,477,592) in view of Namiki (U.S. Patent No. 4,704,642). Applicants submit that the above rejection has been obviated by the amendment of the claims to include the allowable subject matter indicated in the Office Action.

Applicants therefore submit that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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